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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for making mini-pasta, comprising:
 - sifting flour;
 - mixing water with said flour to form non-extruded, round mini-pasta granules;
 - steam-cooking said mini-pasta granules under pressure to form mini-pasta; and
 - drying said mini-pasta.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said drying comprises:
 - pre-drying said mini-pasta to remove vapors from said mini-pasta; and
 - fully drying said mini-pasta.
3. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said sifting comprises sifting with a single-mesh centrifugal sieve.
4. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said steam-cooking comprises steam-cooking said mini-pasta granules on a cooking conveyor that passes through pressurized steam.